

Minutes of the Economic Development Commission
Oct.15, 2015 - Town Hall - 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Roger Tracy, Brian Banak, Susan Thorner, Lynda Montefusco, Kate Rietburg

Absent: Howard Orr, Gloria Smith

Also present: EDC Director Patrick McMahon

Acting Chairman Brian Banak called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.M.

Minutes: Ms. Thorner moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2015 meeting; Ms. Rietman seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Citizen Comment: None

Ffyer Place Redevelopment: Mr. McMahon reported that the new CVS store is progressing well. The plans for a grand opening are scheduled for November 8.

Light Industrial Development - A request for funds to relocate the Highway Garage will be submitted to ACCE. Three sites are being considered. The Windsor Market has made application to DECD Development Zone grant program for a tax rebate. The utilities (water and electricity) expansion project will meet with the design company and also will be an ACCE funding request.

Lots 3,13, and 14 are available in Mach One.

Director's Report:

A town meeting is scheduled now for Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015 to seek additional funds (\$500,000) for the abatement and remediation of PCBs detected in the Kent Memorial Library.

The Town Meeting approved bonding for the road repairs, renovation of the Town Hall with a new addition for a vault on the west side, and the new Bridge Street School community center. The community center only has conceptual plans drawn, the design plans must be done.

The Bradley Development League (BDL) rail study is continuing. Four different routes are being considered. Two overseas flights to Dublin in the future are under review.

The Housing Authority update continues. This project is funded by an \$800,000 state grant. The work includes new ADA units, new roof, new windows, and this project is well managed by Jack Muska.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary EDC.Minutes.Oct.15.2015

